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## MoCVSU's Online Victim Services Directory

The Missouri Crime Victim Services Unit (MoCVSU) publishes an online directory of all crime victim service agencies in Missouri.

You may view the directory by visiting our website at [www.dps.mo.gov](http://www.dps.mo.gov).

Once you have reached the DPS home page, you will then click on the Crime Victim Services Unit link. To access the crime victim service agencies by county, you will need to click on *Victim Service Providers by County*. You will then see a map similar to the one shown here. Click on the county of your choosing and you will find a listing of various governmental and non-profit agencies that provide services to victims in that county. If you are looking for a statewide agency, go to the drop down menu titled *Victim Service Information*. From there, you are given a list of various statewide victim service providers that you can choose from.



If you do not see your agency in the directory or if you would like to add or modify an entry, please contact MoCVSU at [CVSU@dps.mo.gov](mailto:CVSU@dps.mo.gov).

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## MOVANS Troop Training

It is once again time to begin training Missouri victim service providers and governmental agencies on MOVANS (Missouri Victim Automated Notification System). MoCVSU will provide nine training sessions statewide beginning in May. The training will be conducted in two parts. The first part will be for governmental agencies such as law enforcement and prosecuting attorney's offices. The second part of the training will be specifically for victim advocates in community based agencies. Be on the lookout for more information regarding dates and locations. Please contact MoCVSU if you have any questions.

## 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects

April 18 - 24, 2010

**crime victims' rights: FAIRNESS. DIGNITY. RESPECT.**



April 18-24, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). This year's theme is "*Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.*" The Missouri NCVRW ceremony is scheduled for April 19 at the State Capitol in Jefferson City, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Display tables will be set up during that day for agencies to exhibit materials and information.

The ceremony and display tables will be on the south lawn of the Capitol. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Truman Building (across the street from the Capitol) in room 400. Crime victim service agencies in Missouri, as well as the general public, are all encouraged to attend the ceremony. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

*Are you planning an event in your community during National Crime Victims' Rights Week? If so, email us at [CVSU@dps.mo.gov](mailto:CVSU@dps.mo.gov) and see your agency in the next edition of The Voice!*



## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and to encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. This year's theme is *Inspire Change*. There are a variety of statewide and national resources available to assist you in doing just that! Visit the Children's Trust Fund website at <http://www.ctf4kids.org/> or the Missouri KidsFirst website at <http://kidsfirst.typepad.com/> for information pertaining to statewide Child Abuse Prevention Month activities, ideas and resources. Missouri KidsFirst encourages Missourians to "Go Blue" on April 16, by wearing blue to support child abuse prevention. In addition, you can visit the 2010 National Child Abuse Prevention Month Website at <http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/> to obtain resources to assist you in planning your community's public awareness campaign and events, as well as information and tools that can be utilized throughout the year. And remember to continue to ***Inspire Change!***

***In 2008, the Missouri Child Abuse and/or Neglect Hotline Unit received 50,565 reports of child abuse/neglect involving 75,781 children.***

-Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Report (2009)

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The month of April is also designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The 2010 campaign theme is **Prevent Sexual Violence...on our campuses**. This year's SAAM brings together resources and information pertaining to campus related topics, with an emphasis on integrating primary prevention efforts into the work.

SAAM Day of Action is Wednesday, April 20. This is a day when organizations and agencies across the nation hold simultaneous events promoting sexual violence awareness. For campaign ideas and resource materials, please visit the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's website at <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/>. This is a great site to find campus specific materials, products, and logos for campaigns in your community.

—Among college women, 9 in 10 victims of rape knew their offender (Fisher, Cullen, & Turner, 2000).

—Among college women, only 12% of rapes were reported to law enforcement (Kilpatrick et al., 2007).

—An estimated 5 percent of college women are assaulted annually and 25 percent will be victimized during their college years (Fisher, Cullen, & Turner, 2000).

You will also find information on the prevention of sexual violence on higher education campuses. This includes public education materials, event ideas (i.e. Denim Day, Take Back the Night, Teal Ribbon Campaigns, etc.), as well as topic

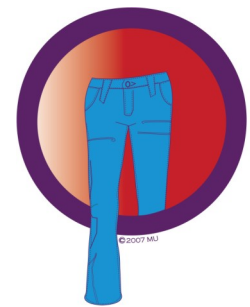
specific fact sheets and statistics.

For information on sexual violence in Missouri, please visit the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) website at [www.mocadsv.org](http://www.mocadsv.org). There you will find resources, statistics and publications that can be of assistance when planning local SAAM events. Other resources include: the National Sexual Assault Resource Sharing Project, [www.resourcesharingproject.org](http://www.resourcesharingproject.org); the Rape, Abuse, and Incest Network, [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org); and the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, [www.naesv.org](http://www.naesv.org).

—1,510 forcible rapes were reported to Missouri law enforcement in 2009 (Missouri State Highway Patrol).

—Researchers found that 4,596 adult Missourians had been sexually assaulted within the year—2,777 women and 1,819 men (Missouri Department of Health and

Another effective way to promote awareness is by commemorating Denim Day on April 22. The Missouri Office on Women's Health can provide agencies with materials for Missouri Denim Day events in communities, organizations and schools. Denim Day is recognized annually to educate and increase awareness of the need to step forward and take a stand against rape. Please visit the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Denim Day website at <http://supportdenimday.com/> for more information.



*Lookout for future editions of The Voice. If you have any questions or comments regarding the newsletter, or if you know someone who would like to receive the newsletter, please contact Program Specialist Janet Amitin at (573) 522-3778 or at [janet.amitin@dps.mo.gov](mailto:janet.amitin@dps.mo.gov).*

**Important!****Revised State Mileage Rate Announcement**

On April 1, 2010, the state mileage rate was **reduced** to **\$.42**. This rate supersedes the **\$.47** mileage rate that was previously announced. If your grant has a line item for mileage, please make the proper modifications when requesting reimbursement. Thank you!

**Important!**

If you would like to see your agency featured in upcoming editions of *The Voice*, or if you have an article or information you would like to share, please contact MoCVSU at 1-866-334-6682. This newsletter is sent to crime victim service agencies and professionals throughout the state and is an excellent way to get the word out regarding your agency or program.

Thank you!

**2010 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Pre-Bid Seminar**

**What:** Pre-bid Seminar will be held April 16, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Room 492 of the Harry S. Truman Building, 301 W. High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

**Who Should Attend:** Agencies interested in applying for funds to assist in providing direct services to victims of crime in Missouri. There is no need to RSVP.

**Application/RFP:** The application can be printed from our website: [www.dps.mo.gov](http://www.dps.mo.gov) after April 13. Applications will not be provided at the pre-bid seminar.

**Why Should You Attend:** To learn more about VOCA funding, funding availability, eligibility issues and requirements.

**Application Deadline:** Received by the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of the Director, no later than 4:30pm on June 4, 2010 or postmarked no later than June 4, 2010. Applications may NOT be faxed or emailed.

**Questions?** Call (573) 751-5878 or email [cvsu@dps.mo.gov](mailto:cvsu@dps.mo.gov)



## Missouri Victim Services Academy 2010

MoCVSU is pleased to announce that the 3rd annual Missouri Victim Services Academy will be held on September 1-3 at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. The Academy will be held in conjunction with the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' annual conference. This year's academy will have two tracks that focus on specialized topics. All advocates are welcome to attend. The Missouri Victim Services Academy (MVSA) is a statewide, victim advocate education program designed and implemented by victim service professionals from across the state of Missouri.



MoCVSU realizes that many agencies may be suffering financial hardships which make the possibility of sending staff to training, such as MVSA, difficult or impossible. Therefore, MoCVSU would like to call your attention to scholarships that may be of assistance.

The Office for Victims of Crime offers Professional Development Scholarships to those who work with victims of crime. The program provides up to \$1,000 for individuals and up to \$5,000 for multidisciplinary teams seeking continuing education opportunities. The scholarship program is administered by the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC). Eligible expenses include some or even all of the lodging, meals, registration and transportation expenses. Applications for OVC TTAC must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the date of the training event. To apply for a scholarship and/or to receive more information, please visit their website at <https://www.ovcttac.gov/taResources/scholarship.cfm>.



Registration information for MVSA will be available in the near future. If you have any questions regarding MVSA, please contact our office. We hope to see you in September!

## Grant Calendar

- **April 13, 2010:** 2010 VOCA Application available on website
- **April 16, 2010:** 2010 VOCA Pre-Bid Seminar
- **April 27-29, 2010:** 2011 SSVF Grant Review Panel meets
- **June 4, 2010:** 2010 VOCA Grant Applications are due
- **June 30, 2010:** 2010 SSVF Grants end; 2009 VOCA Recovery Grants end



## Green Hills Women's Shelter

The Green Hills Women's Shelter Program was developed under the parent corporation of Green Hills Community Action Agency in November 1996. It began with a single shelter in Trenton, in Grundy County, Missouri.

In April 2005, a satellite shelter opened in Chillicothe in Livingston County. And finally, in November 2009 the Cameron Satellite Shelter opened. Amazingly, Green Hills operates three shelter facilities with only nine employees. They are able to do so because of an outstanding volunteer base of 70 volunteers.

Green Hill's Women's Shelter serves the following northern Missouri counties: Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Grundy, Harrison, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam and Sullivan. Additionally, Green Hills provides outreach to Gentry and Worth counties when requested. They primarily work with adult and child victims of domestic violence and sexual assault but also provide services to victims of DWI related crimes, homicides and human trafficking.

### Contact Information:

1506 Oklahoma Ave. PO Box 278, Trenton, MO 64683  
 800-942-0649 (HOTLINE)  
 Trenton: 660-359-3297 (fax and phone)  
 Chillicothe: 660-707-0042 (phone); 660-707-169 (fax)  
 Cameron: 816-632-4900 (phone); 816-632-4901 (fax)

Services provided by the shelters include: 24-hour hotline, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, personal advocacy, transportation, childcare, emergency legal services, assistance with CVC claims, Safe At Home assistance, case management, counseling, support groups, follow-up, translation services, educational groups (such as budgeting and parenting classes), and information and referrals.

Green Hills Women's Shelter has planned several events and activities scheduled in the near future. Child abuse awareness events are scheduled for Child Abuse Prevention Month in Trenton (April 15), Chillicothe (April 16) and Cameron (April 22). They will be commemorating Denim Day on March 22, with activities planned for several counties in northern Missouri. Additionally, their Fifth Annual Bull Ride fundraising event to support the Trenton shelter is scheduled for May 29 in Trenton.

For more details about these events or to find out more about the Green Hills Women's Shelter, please see the contact information above.

### Mission Statement:

*To work through partnerships to make self-sufficiency a reality for individuals and families, by empowering them to achieve the knowledge, skills and motivations needed to build strong families and communities.*

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